

# What's Happening in your City!! Winter 2021

Hello Citizens of Ecorse,

As 2021 comes to an end it has been a very difficult year, but this Mayor and Council has continued to move the City forward.

During 2021 the City of Ecorse started and completed several projects to help with the aging infrastructure. We did open cuts and pipe bursting from 9th Street to 15th Street just north of Salliotte. Also between the area of Southfield and Suburban. This project cost around 1.6 million dollars.

Wayne County spent over 5 million dollars on W. Outer Drive and Southfield Road. The City's share of this project with Wayne County was over \$600,000. This Mayor and Council are committed to fixing our infrastructure.

The City also spent over 2 million dollars on resurfacing several streets and putting in new water lines and taking out lead lines on 9th Street from Outer Drive to Labadie, including the resurfacing of 12th Street and Pepper Road.

The City also spent over \$400,000 on our sidewalk replacement program, and the City demolished several blight properties in the City with CDBG grant money. Michigan City distress grant awarded the City of Ecorse \$188,000 to buy a new Ecorse Emergency Medical Services Ambulance so we will continue to provide medical services to our community. The Police and Fire Department have seen an increase in man power as we are hiring new officers in both departments.

One of the most important things in 2021 is that the City continues to pay down its debt, and again this year we had a balanced budget for 8 straight years, with a 1 million dollar surplus.

### What do we have to look forward to in 2022:

The remodeling of our police station, library, and we are building a new garage for our DPW department to store our equipment in a safe and secure building. The City will continue our sidewalk replacement program, and we will replace several hundred lead line services with a 3 million dollar forgiveness loan from EGLE. Furthermore, the City will continue to demolish blighted properties and will spend over \$436,000 dollars to resurface 6th Street from Suburban to Mill Street, Elton from W. Jefferson to High Street, and 15th Street from Francis to Visger. The City received a grant for \$218,000 for this project which cuts the City's cost down 50%. The City will also receive grant dollars to make needed improvements to the playground equipment throughout the City.

Finally, this Mayor and Council will continue to seek grants to enhance the infrastructure of the City and will keep working on the development of the Mill Street redevelopment plan along with more recreation for Dingell and Pepper Road Parks.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!!

Thank you, MAYOR Lamar C Tidwell

# **ECORSE CREEK UPDATES**

#### **Clean Up Efforts:**

The Ecorse Creek Committee had a busy summer hosting four litter clean ups in Dingell Park and Pepper Park. Collectively, 169 volunteers from all over Southeast Michigan joined together to remove over 2,790 pounds of litter and woody debris from the creek! The Committee is thrilled with this year's results and are already planning for even bigger events in spring and summer 2022. Thank you to all the volunteers who supported the clean-up efforts, including Ecorse's Department of Public Works. Their heavy equipment made quick work of woody debris removal and equipment cleaning.

#### **Get Involved:**

The Committee welcomes all who are interested in contributing to beautify this gem that runs through our community. If you are interested in joining the mailing list to learn about future opportunities, please email us at ecorsecreekmi@gmail.com.





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As of March 1st, 2022 the City of Ecorse will no longer accept 2021 property tax payments (at the counter). Payments can be made at the kiosk machine or you can pay them to the Wayne County Treasurer, 400 Monroe Street-5th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226. There will be an additional interest/penalty added. Please contact the Wayne County Treasurer's office to check penalty and interest at 313-224-5990.

City Administrator Timothy Sadowski and the EPLB are pleased to announce the hiring of a new Director of the Ecorse Public Library.

Katie Brinker assumed the role of Library Director on Oct. 1, 2021, part-time and will transition to full-time November 1, 2021. She was chosen for the role following her interview with the Library Board of Trustees last month. Construction will begin on the Library in November 2021

# **GFL HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE**

NO Trash pick-ups on **HOLIDAYS**... Trash will be delayed by one day

New Year's Day ----Memorial Day----Independence Day

Labor Day----Thanksgiving Day----Christmas Day

#### **BULKY WASTE**

#### **APPLIANCE & FURNITURE**

You may set out large bulky items on your regular scheduled service day for collection Large items may include: washers, dryers, freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, hot water tanks, stoves, microwaves, couches, chairs, tables, dressers and other large items.

\*\*If you are cleaning out the entire property, a dumpster is required at your cost\*\*

Customer Service # (866)772-8900 7:00am to 5:00pm



Go to the City Website to read our Real Estate Policy www.ecorsemi.gov—Community Development-Surplus Property List— and Real Estate Policy, for City Property For Sale!!

# **FREE COMMODITIES**

DISTRIBUTION AT THE ETHEL STEVENSON SENIOR CENTER

**LOCATED AT** 

4072 W. JEFFERSON AVE. FROM 9AM-3:30PM

WEDNESDAY

**NOVEMBER 17TH** 

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WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 15TH
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Ecorse Historical
Society Annual Tree
Lighting
Friday, December 3,
2021

Starts at 6:00 PM

**Dingell Park** 

(4459 W. Jefferson Ave.)

